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Hello,
I would like to submit a comment on the group 2 code proposals.

Restricting the use of natural gas in new construction will create several major challenges. First, our electrical grid is mostly above ground and is susceptible to failure during extreme weather events. Natural gas lines are all buried and its supply is more reliable during extreme events meaning it can provide life critical heating and cooling when electric powered heat pumps fail. Consumers deserve a choice in the way they choose to heat and cool their home.

I am not against installing efficient heat pumps, I myself had a heat pump system installed in my 1978 home to replace a polluting wood stove. An alternative to an outright ban on natural gas would be to continue to provide incentives for businesses and home owners that are willing to switch out natural gas furnaces to electric ones.

Thank you,
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